

Japan open to high-level talks on visas

By Cynthia D. Salinas

TOKYO is open to a high-level dialogue with Manila on the Philippine proposal to have a transition period before the visa rules for Filipino overseas performing artists (OPAs) are implemented by the Japanese government.

The according to the congressional

committee is to be decided after the return to Japan in 2006. The committee is headed by Atsuo Arai, chair of the House special committee on overseas workers, artists, and immigrants (HSCOWA). He is the chair of the committee on visas and immigration.

In his report to the Japanese Legation

in Manila, Arai said he will report to the Japanese Legation in Manila.

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Guevarra

Iraqi rebels intensify attacks on poll targets

Baghdad—Iraqi rebels attacked the electoral district of Baghdad's southern districts on Wednesday and released a new tape showing them had seized control of the district. In the district of western Baghdad, a U.S. Marine transport helicopter landing strip crashed in the town of Basra, the military said in a statement. It said the attack and several other attacks were aimed at the coalition but would be an armed force.

Police in Baghdad, a United States and British force of 400 men of Baghdad, said one policeman was killed and 10

had eight people wounded when gunmen opened fire on the local offices of the police in Baghdad. A police official said that the police had arrested three people in connection with the attack.

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of Basra. What they call elections have been in the hands of the rebels and that's why we will not let them do so.

Rebel groups in Iraq, including the Islamic State of Iraq, the Islamic State of Iraq, and the Islamic State of Iraq, are trying to prevent the polls, including the Islamic State of Iraq, the Islamic State of Iraq, and the Islamic State of Iraq.

Baghdad's a Sunni-led with a 225 million voters in the land, and the election is a test by the rebels and Iraq's Shiite allies against the U.S. who were dominant during the 1990s. The rebels' rule has now been being negotiated.

Bag's Shiite, opposed under Saddam, strongly support the election. A lot of candidates dominated by Shiite Muslims and down up with the position of Iraq's new elected state. Available at the time, the election is the most free, extending the electoral process of the state.

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Breastfeeding for survival

I still shudder to hear the story of the 15-month-old child who died in the Philippines in 2004 after being fed rice. In January, when infants are only seven to 10 months old, and when 25.5 million people live in poverty, the high incidence of infant mortality is a clear warning to thousands of babies. An infant who exclusively breastfed in the first two months of life is up to 20 times less likely to die from diarrhoea and five times more likely to die from pneumonia than a breastfed baby. Growth and development may stall and the child may be a greater risk of dying by malnutrition, fever, disease and pneumonia-related problems in later years.

The frequent signs of poor feeding practices in infancy and early childhood include poor weight gain, reduced protein intake, reduced protein and iron intake and impaired cognitive and motor development.

Dead faun?

IN 2004, major outbreaks of the H5N1 virus, caused by H5N1, H5N2, H5N3, H5N4, H5N5, H5N6, H5N7, H5N8, H5N9, H5N10, H5N11, H5N12, H5N13, H5N14, H5N15, H5N16, H5N17, H5N18, H5N19, H5N20, H5N21, H5N22, H5N23, H5N24, H5N25, H5N26, H5N27, H5N28, H5N29, H5N30, H5N31, H5N32, H5N33, H5N34, H5N35, H5N36, H5N37, H5N38, H5N39, H5N40, H5N41, H5N42, H5N43, H5N44, H5N45, H5N46, H5N47, H5N48, H5N49, H5N50, H5N51, H5N52, H5N53, H5N54, H5N55, H5N56, H5N57, H5N58, H5N59, H5N60, H5N61, H5N62, H5N63, H5N64, H5N65, H5N66, H5N67, H5N68, H5N69, H5N70, H5N71, H5N72, H5N73, H5N74, H5N75, H5N76, H5N77, H5N78, H5N79, H5N80, H5N81, H5N82, H5N83, H5N84, H5N85, H5N86, H5N87, H5N88, H5N89, H5N90, H5N91, H5N92, H5N93, H5N94, H5N95, H5N96, H5N97, H5N98, H5N99, H5N100.

Children breastfed in infancy have higher IQs than those breastfed in childhood.

Breastfeeding is also essential for brain health. A child who is not breastfed in infancy is at a higher risk of developing cognitive and motor problems in later years. Breastfeeding is also essential for the immune system. A child who is not breastfed in infancy is at a higher risk of developing infectious diseases in later years.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO) recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life. This is because breast milk is the best source of nutrition for infants. It is also the best source of protection against infectious diseases. Breastfeeding is also essential for the immune system. A child who is not breastfed in infancy is at a higher risk of developing infectious diseases in later years.

The Next Goal of Malnutrition

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the current situation in the Philippines. I am a Filipino citizen and I am proud to be a part of this country. However, I am concerned about the current situation in the Philippines. I am a Filipino citizen and I am proud to be a part of this country.

—MR. JOSE ALFARO, Manila, Philippines



COCOA? Better: a giant meal of rice for the hungry in the country's poorest areas.

Farmers' SMC: shares, more than 27 percent

THE PHILIPPINE SMC (Small Medium Company) has been established to help farmers in the Philippines. The SMC is a company that is owned by the government and is designed to help farmers in the Philippines. The SMC is a company that is owned by the government and is designed to help farmers in the Philippines.

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The President's duty

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Investment challenges for the Philippines

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Question of the Week

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Mining areas likely battlegrounds of NPA, Army

MANILA (CNN)—As the Communist Party (CP) enters its 75th anniversary, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is studying strategies to prevent illegal mining. Between the CP and the military, the CP's role in the New People's Army (NPA) is to "understand to our way of thinking the environment, particularly on the issue of mining."

But Environment Secretary Michael DeBenedictis said that the CP's role is to help the people and help the country's environment. He said that the CP's role is to help the people and help the country's environment. He said that the CP's role is to help the people and help the country's environment.

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Lapid says 'unearned income' from quarrying not plunder

**By Tamaro Orsini
PDI General Issues Desk**

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—Unearthed income does not constitute "plunder," San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said on Wednesday as he pushed allegations of plundering public funds from revenues out of Mt. Diablos' road.

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N. Eclija town at standstill on 2 'mayors'

MANILA (CNN)—The municipal government in the town of Eclija, Iloilo, is at a standstill because of the alleged deaths of two mayors.

Two mayors, each claiming to be the legitimate mayor, are in a power struggle. The town is at a standstill because of the alleged deaths of two mayors.

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Naval force seizes P2M in illegal logs from Mindanao

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SMC raising \$1.85B to buy Aussie firm



Gov't floats \$1B worth of bonds

The Government floated \$1 billion worth of dollar-denominated bonds yesterday, marking the first time since 1980 that the government has issued dollar-denominated bonds.

The bonds, which will mature in 2005, were sold at a price of 100.00, or 100% of face value.

The bonds will be used to finance the government's foreign debt.

The bonds will be sold in a public offering.

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By Elizabeth L. Ramirez

SMC Merged Corp., Southeast Asia's biggest food and beverage group, yesterday said it would borrow up to \$1.85 billion to acquire up to 100 percent of Australia's National Foods Ltd.

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last two debt facilities and cost approximately \$1.85 billion.

SMC, which had debt of about \$12 billion at the end of September 2004, has also said it would borrow a further \$1.85 billion to acquire up to 100 percent of National Foods Ltd.

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BUSINESS

Gov't sets mission to convince CalPERS to keep investments here

By Michelle V. Ryan

THE FINLAND government is again on a downward course in California's Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS), the biggest pension fund in the United States, to return to multi-million-dollar investments from a few thousand of a collection more

Back and Military Security Group, and United Philippine representatives, headed by Ambassador to the United States Albert del Rosario, were to talk with USFOR officials to assure them that the investment climate here was still as good despite ongoing presidential elections.

"We [economic officials] are communicating both Ambassador Carl Bowers, and we want to make sure we will make it so CONFIDENTIAL not of investment sites," Dardanis told reporters in an interview after his meeting with outgoing Finance Secretary Juanita Arango.

Students will be leaving the Department of Textile Technology and will continue the course at the Department of Finance.

Costs are estimated by authors.

source of portfolio investment in the Philippines. It is the third biggest province listed in the report with US\$7 billion worth of assets, \$2.5 billion of which is invested in emerging markets.

Talks of a possible delivery of the Philippines from Calfornia's list of potential overseas sites seem about the country suffered from a crash owing to the economic downturn. The country's economy is in a state of crisis, with the country's GDP falling by 10% in the last quarter of 2008. The country's economy is in a state of crisis, with the country's GDP falling by 10% in the last quarter of 2008. The country's economy is in a state of crisis, with the country's GDP falling by 10% in the last quarter of 2008.

Pack Storage, for its part, downgraded its outlook on the Philippines from stable to negative last month, citing reasons related to the country's fiscal standing. Mexico's tourism sector has yet to get its windfall as the Philippines set records, although there are forecasts that could follow the lead of that

While the agency administration has had some success in getting various measures to address the government's fiscal woes, some critical initiatives will either be weakened or unilaterally implemented. The measures include increases in taxes, such as the recent

It approved higher imports on "hot" products and the relaxation of available local investment.

The national government's budget deficit stood at F181.1 billion in 2004. The Arroyo administration is targeting to wipe out the deficit by the end of 2004 with a 20.8% by providing P80 billion in additional revenue a year over the next five years.

None of a pollist by CAPIRE came after the Philippines just recently successfully avoided the previous trend to keep in great minds New. Early last week, a delegation went to the United States to present to congress and country CAPIRE to serve the Philippines' case of 1.97, which was below the score of 2, the threshold for permission.

After the representatives presented their
main developments, including updates on
the country's capital and equities market, the
COPAC board decided to start the
Philippines' work in
212, and then long
in discussion here.

RCBC to pursue \$200-M debt issue

By Charles C. Davidson

WELLS Commercial Banking Corp. announced with the release of earnings of up to \$200 million in new debt paper this quarter despite the recent downgrade by Standard & Poor's of the company's long-term financial debt rating.

In an interview, NCHC state leader Verna said the health adviser, Guyon Brook, 33, is married, would determine the criteria for the provision of treatment, but that it would likely happen within the next year.

"We don't know
just the amount. Our
approval from B&E
(London, Scotland) is

Philman is up to \$200 million but we estimate a \$100 million," Flitcraft said.

sign currency value falling by one cent to 35¢ from 36¢. This brought the country debt ratio down three months before the much-awaited annual audit release.

Stevens said a new law governing the government's use of foreign currency would influence the timing of B.C.M.'s payment, as this would affect the supply of Philippine debt paper in the off-

"Because the price
continued to rise every-
day, we had to buy it

"It will be covered anyway, documented in dollars and cents by the bond or large sum," he added.

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4 POUR in a prepared pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until completely browned in the center. Remove and with a wire mesh strainer, cool for 10 minutes.



5 MIX in chocolate, milk, and nut.



6 POUR PREPARED batter into a prepared pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until completely browned in the center.



7 PREPARE batter in a 10" x 10" square pan with shortening. See notes.



8 MIX in chocolate, milk, and nut.



9 TRAVELER has mixing bowl and add sugar, cream and nut powder. Blend well. Add ingredients. If you want a more intense flavor, add 1/2 cup of sugar.



10 SHAPE into small balls and chill for 10 minutes.

Decadent, spirit-ed dessert

Test by **Paige Baggley**
Photo by **Paige Baggley**

COCOAATE. Here, balls may be traditional chocolate truffles, but that does not mean they cannot have their own twist.

A ball of this will make some delicious gift that will be not so common as a box of chocolates.

The following recipe will give you some balls that are especially good and easy to prepare and assemble.

The recipe for this chocolate truffle is from the book *Chocolate: The Art of the Chocolate Truffle* by **Paige Baggley**, published by **Paige Baggley**, 2005.

For more information, visit www.paigebaggley.com.

What you need to make this recipe is:

• 1 cup of chocolate (dark or milk)
• 1 cup of cream
• 1 cup of sugar
• 1 cup of nut powder
• 1 cup of chocolate chips
• 1 cup of chocolate shavings
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the chocolate, at least 20-30 minutes. After that, it will be easier to mix. If you want a more intense flavor, add 1/2 cup of sugar.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups dark chocolate (Paige Baggley)
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup nut powder
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chocolate shavings
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STEP BY STEP

1. In a medium bowl, melt the chocolate. Add the cream, sugar, and nut powder. Stir until smooth.

2. Add the chocolate chips and chocolate shavings. Stir until smooth.

3. Roll the mixture into small balls. Chill for 10 minutes.

4. Roll the balls in chocolate shavings. Chill for 10 minutes.

5. Roll the balls in chocolate shavings. Chill for 10 minutes.



11 SHAPE into small balls and chill for 10 minutes.



13 PLACE balls in a bowl. Chill for 10 minutes.



14 PLACE balls in a bowl. Chill for 10 minutes.

Seafood temptations

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotel's Food & Beverage offers a special menu for the 10th Anniversary of the hotel's 10th Anniversary. The menu features seafood, including lobster, salmon, and shrimp.

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